

House Resolution 734

By: Representative Pruett of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Dodge County High School Japanese language classes on winning first place
2 at the 2006-2007 Japan Academic Challenge and Speech Contest; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Annual Japan Academic Challenge and Speech Contest, cosponsored by the
4 Japan-American Society of Georgia, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Georgia, the
5 Georgia Association of Teachers of Japanese and the Consulate General of Japan, was held
6 on March 10, 2007, at the Georgia Institute of Technology; and

7 WHEREAS, the Japanese language program is called Irasshai and is offered to schools
8 through Georgia Public Television; and

9 WHEREAS, videos are shown in the classroom with Tim Cook as the off-site instructor, and
10 students contact Japanese tutors by phone twice weekly to practice what was presented; and

11 WHEREAS, Audrey Davis is the facilitator for the Dodge County High School classroom,
12 where Japanese guest speakers are invited to share information of their country and the
13 students are led to practice speaking and reviewing cultural, geographical, and historical
14 information; and

15 WHEREAS, the program has been in place at Dodge County High School since 1993, and
16 it presently offers a Level I and a Level II class with eight students in each; and

17 WHEREAS, invitations to the competition were extended to schools in the southeast offering
18 Japanese classes to organize a Level I and Level II team consisting of only three students
19 each; and

20 WHEREAS, students in the class who were not team members assisted the team by quizzing
21 them on speech, geography, history, and Japanese culture and by practicing with flash cards
22 of the hiragana and katakana writing systems; and

1 WHEREAS, Dodge County High School performed superbly, thanks to the effort of the
2 entire class, capturing the first place title at the 2006-2007 Japan Academic Challenge and
3 Speech Contest; and

4 WHEREAS, following the competition, the team celebrated by dining at a Japanese
5 Steakhouse where they practiced ordering in Japanese and discussing the food; and

6 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is honored by the spectacular performance of these fine
7 young scholars.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body recognize the Dodge County High School Japanese language
10 classes, commend their laudable contributions toward Georgia's understanding of
11 international culture, and congratulate them on winning first place at the 2006-2007 Japan
12 Academic Challenge and Speech Contest.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dodge County High School.